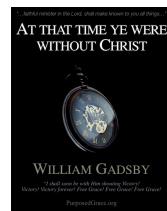


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(PSALM 17:15)



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SOME MOCKED...OTHERS BELIEVED

“...SOME MOCKED: AND OTHERS SAID, WE WILL HEAR THEE AGAIN OF THIS MATTER. SO PAUL DEPARTED FROM AMONG THEM. HOWBEIT CERTAIN MEN CLAVE UNTO HIM, AND BELIEVED...”

[ACTS 17:22-34]

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said...

“Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us: For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.”

And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter. So Paul departed from among them. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed.

THE APOSTLE **PAUL** (0006 — 0070)

I WILL WAIT FOR THE GOD OF MY SALVATION

“...I WILL LOOK UNTO THE LORD; I WILL WAIT FOR THE GOD OF MY SALVATION: MY GOD WILL HEAR ME” (MICAH 7:7)

Our Heavenly Father, who art in heaven—I don’t want to look to myself or anywhere else to be saved, rather I only want to look to your beloved Son to be saved and be found in Him. LORD may He be found in me, for if Christ not be found in me, if I not be a new creature by the Gospel of your beloved Son, I have no hope; but if it be thy will Heavenly Father, Christ in me shall be my sure hope of glory, by your grace “*I will wait for the God of my salvation.*” Our Heavenly Father, who art in heaven—grant that I may ever believe on your Son as the *author* and *finisher* of my salvation, grant that I may ever believe on your Son and wholly lean on Him for all my justification, all my sanctification, all my salvation [HEBREWS 12:2]

LORD, by your preserving power I will wait for Him, whom your Word very blessedly declares that it is His “*to keep [me] from falling, and to present [me] faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.*” Heavenly Father grant me grace to wait for the God of my salvation, indeed grant all of your beloved people at Sovereign Grace Church to do just that. Put us in Christ who is all our “*wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*” (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30).

Beloved, by God’s grace and unspeakable gift we can all say “*my God will hear me.*” Where does this confidence come from? Where does this certainty come from? It comes from looking to and waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ; made known by His grace, how that we don’t come before our Heavenly Father in any self merit, but only through the merit of His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Being heard of our Heavenly Father through the perfect and sinless life of Christ. Indeed, through His sin atoning blood God’s people are actually and really made righteous and redeemed.

Beloved, our standing, our acceptance with our Heavenly Father is found in Christ and Him alone. Believing sinner, we are accepted in the beloved Son of God. Our Heavenly Father accepts us upon the merits of His Son’s obedience *unto death, even the death of the cross.* Indeed, by His meritorious life and death we have been *reconciled to God* [2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21, PHILIPPIANS 2:8]. Amen!

Reader, if you being evil know how to give good gifts to those you love... how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? [MATTHEW 7:11].

PASTOR

MY GOD WILL HEAR ME

“...I WILL LOOK UNTO THE LORD; I WILL WAIT FOR THE GOD OF MY SALVATION: MY GOD WILL HEAR ME” (MICAH 7:7)

Here is a soul crying out of the very worst of foes: “*A man's enemies are the men of his own house*” (MIC. 7:6). Under such experience, behold and imitate the conduct before us. Here are two acts of the mind, and the cry of faith.

1. **“I will look.”** The Lord is the object looked to. Blessed be the Spirit, He opens our eyes to see Him, and our hearts to believe His love to us, and care for us; then we know the voice of Christ, and obey it. He says, “*Look unto me, and be ye saved,*” (ISAIAH 45:22).

Whenever distressed with enemies from within or without, sin, Satan, or the world, here is our warrant, to look unto the LORD: he assures us of salvation from them. We shall find and feel these enemies to the end of life; therefore, looking unto the Lord is to be the constant work of life. Oh, the special mercy, to have such a Lord to look to! Shame to us that we look no more to him, happy for us when we do look to him only. We are sure of comfort from him, and safety by him, from all the power, malice, and fraud of every enemy. But I see enemies beset me, I am not saved from them, I grow impatient, unbelief prevails, doubts and fears arise; here is the remedy...

2.**“I will wait.”** Time will prove God’s truth, Satan’s lying suggestions, and the groundless suspicions of my own heart. “*He that believeth shall not make haste,*” (ISAIAH 28:16). It is “*the God of my salvation*” I wait upon, and wait for “*My times are in [the LORD’s] hand,*” (PSALM 31:15). Every promise has its season for accomplishment, every providence its hour, every vision its appointed time: “*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven,*” (ECCLESIASTES 3:1). Oh this waiting faith honors the LORD’s word greatly; it has the LORD’s word for its support; the LORD honors it. Behold his absolute precious promise to it; “*they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength,*” (ISAIAH 40:31). But this was not silent looking, and [mute] waiting...

...For, 3. Here is the cry of faith; **“My God will hear me.”** Oh the preciousness of faith! It claims the Lord, and makes a special [owning] of Him; **“my God.”** Vile and sinful as I am, wretched and miserable as sin has made me, however beset and distressed with foes within and enemies without, yet, O my soul, thou hast a covenant God in Christ to look to, wait for, and call upon: He will hear me, I am sure of it, for He put it into my heart to cry to Him. [AMEN!]

*To look and wait upon the LORD,
Our privilege is most sweet;
For God his presence will afford,
And will with comforts greet.*

[PASTOR] WILLIAM MASON (1724–1797)